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## DECLARATION BY INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled BOARD-TYPE DEVICE FOR SUPPORTING A BODY PART OF A PATIENT, the specification of which:

is attached hereto.  
 was filed on November 12, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/705,671 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
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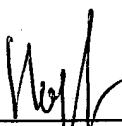
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